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METHOD FOR ANALYSIS BY MOLECULAR HYBRIDIZATION OF NUCLEIC ACIDS AND KIT FOR CARRYING OUT SAID

METHOD (amended)

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# PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND VERIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.821 (f)

## Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned U.S. application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.